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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on May 20, 2004, **KENNETH W. LOCKARD**, age 40, of Olney, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. LOCKARD was sentenced to 240 months imprisonment (20 years), 5 years supervised release, and was fined \$500. LOCKARD had previously pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

The investigation established that from on or about December 2000 through on or about October 2002, in Richland County, LOCKARD and others agreed to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine. During the course of the conspiracy, LOCKARD provided precursors – pseudoephedrine pills – to other co-conspirators which they used to manufacture methamphetamine.

The investigation was conducted by the Richland County Sheriff's Office, the Olney Police Department, and the Illinois State Police pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses in the Southern District of Illinois. Law enforcement officers from Pennsylvania also assisted in the investigation.

The Richland County States Attorney's Office has assisted throughout the investigation and has prosecuted a number of individuals in related cases in Richland County Circuit Court.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.